

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 2-44, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending Application No. 08/782,817, filed on January 13, 1997. Original Claim 1 remains pending in this application, and original Claims 2-44 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Applicants presently intend to file additional papers in this case shortly. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Application No. 08/076,785, filed June 15, 1993, which was cited during the prosecution of the prior parent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-cited application has not been enclosed, nor has the application been listed on the enclosed Form PTO-

1449. The Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark Office files for review of that application.

The information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited in the parent Application No. 08/782,817, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of those documents. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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